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Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—" With regard to (c) the Government say that they have no information. Is it not a fact that the Collector of Tinnevelly has passed such an order and whether it could not be communicated to the other Collectors so that they may also do likewise ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Notice, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" In clause (a) of the answer reference is made to model by-laws which lay down that dead or dying animals should not be admitted into the slaughter-houses."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Model by-laws are intended for the purpose of being adopted by the local bodies and such by-laws deal with the fact that no dead animals should be admitted to the slaughter-houses."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, my point is that carcasses could not be brought to the slaughter-houses and therefore to meet the difficulty in rural areas mentioned in the question special steps ought to be taken by the Government."

Burial-ground in Madire village, Bellary district.

* 79 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the burial-ground in Madire village near Kulur, Bellary taluk, Bellary district, is dangerously near the drinking water well and dwelling houses from a sanitary point of view ;

(b) whether the question of the acquisition of a suitable site for burial purposes has been under consideration and, if so, for how many years ; and

(c) the stage which the matter has reached now ?

A.—(a) The Government understand that the burial-ground is near the drinking water well and that its situation is objectionable from the sanitary point of view.

(b) Yes ; from August 1928.

(c) The matter is awaiting a personal inspection of the locality by the President, Taluk Board, Bellary.

Burial-ground in Bantanahal village, Bellary district.

* 80 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the old burial and burning sites in survey No. 48 and survey No. 110 are no longer available for the purposes of burial and cremation of dead bodies in the village of Bantanahal, Alur taluk, Bellary district ;

(b) the survey numbers of the present sites used as a burial or burning ground by (1) Kapus, (2) Lingayats, (3) Boyas, (4) Depressed classes and (5) Muhammadans of the village respectively ; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to set apart unobjectionable sites for the disposal of dead bodies and prevent the promiscuous disposal of corpses all round the village, including rastas ?

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A.—(*a*) The fact is as stated.

(*b*) At present, Boyas, Kapus, Lingayats and Depressed classes bury the dead bodies in vanka poramboke S. No. 46, which is 450 yards away from the village and Muhammadans in a patta land S. No. 8-B belonging to one Baba Sahib and Sattar Sahib.

(*c*) The Government understand that the District Health Officer has made certain proposals and that the matter is pending with the Adoni Taluk Board.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Amendments to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

*81 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when amendments to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act are to be made;

(*b*) whether the Religious Endowment Board or anybody else has drawn his attention to the ruling in A.I.R. 1927, Madras, page 338, 1928, Madras, page 955, and 58 M.L.J., page 104, and to the fact that kattalais, though religious endowments, do not come within the purview of section 73 of the Endowments Act; and

(*c*) whether the hon. the Minister proposes to get the defects in section 73 removed by bringing all special trusts, whether independent or subordinate or ancillary, to the general endowments brought within the scope of section 73 by suitable amendments of section 73?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) Government are aware of the High Court's decision and the question of amending the Act is under consideration.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—"Is the hon. the Minister aware that during the last five years much injustice has been caused by the fact that kattalais, though religious endowments, do not come within the scope of section 73 of the Endowments Act, and if so, what steps have been taken to remedy this state of affairs?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"I am sorry, I am not responsible for what happened during that period." (Laughter.)

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—"Does the hon. the Minister propose to take action at all?"

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—"May I know whether the Government have called for suitable amendments from the Hindu Religious Endowments Board?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"There are already amendments sent up by the Religious Endowments Board and they are being considered by the Government."

Agriculture

Agricultural demonstrations in the Chittoor district.

*82 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many agricultural demonstrators are there in the Chittoor district and what is their jurisdiction respectively;